

MEMORANDUM

To: Parties in PSB Docket No. 7081 - VELCO IRP Investigation

From: Judith C. Whitney, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Re: Deadline for Comments on Request that Board Provide Updated Guidance to the EEU Regarding Planning Assumptions for Forecast 20

Date: January 6, 2009

Pursuant to Paragraph 61 of the Memorandum of Understanding that was approved by the Public Service Board ("Board") in its June 20, 2007, Order in Docket 7081, the Energy Efficiency Utility ("EEU") is required to prepare a 20-year forecast of efficiency savings expected to be achieved from system-wide efficiency programs ("Forecast 20").

On May 29, 2008, after considering comments by interested parties, the Board informed the EEU that, for the purpose of preparing Forecast 20, it should assume an EEU budget of \$30.75 million in 2008 and escalate that amount by inflation in future years.¹ Subsequently, on August 29, 2008, the Board set budgets for the 2009-2011 period of \$30.75 million, \$35.4 million, and \$40.7 million, respectively.²

On December 30, 2008, the Village of Northfield Electric Department ("Northfield") filed a letter requesting that the Board provide updated guidance to the EEU regarding planning assumptions for Forecast 20. Specifically, Northfield asked whether the EEU should continue with the guidance provided on May 29, or whether the EEU should assume current budget levels. A copy of Northfield's letter is attached.

Any party wishing to file comments on Northfield's request should do so on or before January 19, 2009.

cc: Deena Frankel, VELCO, for the Vermont System Planning Committee
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¹Memorandum from Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board, to the EEU Service List, dated May 20, 2008, regarding 20-year energy efficiency forecast assumptions.

²Order of 8/29/08 at 27.